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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined)

1. (Currently Amended) A container system for storing and processing container

2 craft materials for use, comprising:

3 a housing having a front and a rear, said housing comprising a bottom
4 wall and a perimeter wall extending upwardly from from said bottom wall,
5 said housing defining an interior space;

6 a plurality of lateral dividers positioned within in said housing, each
7 one of said lateral dividers having an angular bias whereby inclined
8 orientation such that a bottom edge of each one of said lateral dividers is
9 positioned forward of closer to the front of said housing and a top edge of
10 each of said lateral divider dividers is positioned closer to the rear of said
11 housing so that said divider walls are inclined away from a user positioned
12 at the front of said housing during use, each one of said lateral dividers
13 being for supporting a container of craft materials; and

14 a lid pivotally mounted on said housing at the rear of said housing
15 such that said lid pivots toward the front of said housing to close the
16 interior space of said housing and pivots away from the front of said
17 housing to expose said interior space, said lid having an open position
18 characterized by said lid being located rearwardly of said housing;

19 wherein said housing and said lid are transparent to permit viewing of
20 items positioned in said interior space when said lid is in a closed position.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, ~~further comprising a~~
2 ~~lid portion for selectively closing said housing, wherein said lid portion~~
3 ~~abutting lid abuts~~ a top edge of said perimeter wall when said lid portion is
4 in a the closed position.

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1 3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each one of
2 said lateral dividers has an angular bias of approximately 45 degrees
3 from vertical.

1 4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one
2 longitudinal divider operationally coupled to at least one of said plurality of lateral
3 lateral dividers, said longitudinal divider subdividing said interior space.

1 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said housing is
2 transparent to facilitate visual inspection of the craft materials positioned
3 within the housing.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said housing is
2 rectangular, said housing having a length of approximately 12 inches, said
3 housing having a width of approximately 8 inches, said housing having a
4 height of approximately 3 inches, said length, width, and height being
5 selected for storing up to seventy-two plastic bead containers having a
6 uniform size of 14 mm by 60 mm.

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1 7. (Currently Amended) A container system for storing and presenting
2 craft materials for use, comprising:

3 a housing having a front and a rear, said housing comprising a bottom
4 wall and a perimeter wall extending upwardly from said bottom wall;

5 said housing defining an interior space;

6 a plurality of lateral dividers positioned within said housing, each one of
7 said lateral dividers having an angular bias whereby a bottom edge of

8 each one of said lateral dividers is positioned forward of a top edge of said
9 lateral divider, each one of said lateral dividers being for supporting a
10 container of craft materials, each one of said lateral dividers had an angular
11 bias of approximately 45 degrees from vertical;

12 ~~a lid portion for selectively closing said housing, said lid portion~~
13 ~~abutting a top edge of said perimeter wall when said lid portion is in a~~
14 ~~closed position~~ a lid pivotally mounted on said housing at the rear of said
15 housing such that said lid pivots toward the front of said housing to close
16 the interior space of said housing and pivots away from the front of said
17 housing to expose said interior space, said lid having an open position
18 characterized by said lid being located rearwardly of said housing;

19 at least one longitudinal divider operationally coupled to at least one
20 of said plurality of lateral dividers, said longitudinal divider subdividing
21 said interior space;

22 wherein said housing is transparent to facilitate visual inspection of
23 the craft materials positioned within the housing; and

24 wherein said housing is rectangular, said housing having a length of
25 approximately 12 inches, said housing having a width of approximately 8
26 inches, said housing having a height of approximately 3 inches, said length,
27 width, and height being selected for storing up to seventy-two plastic bead
28 containers having a uniform size of 14 mm by 60 mm.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said lid portion is
2 transparent to facilitate inspection of the craft materials positioned within

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3 said housing when said lid portion is in a closed position.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said plurality
2 of lateral dividers comprises ~~seven~~ six lateral dividers uniformly dispersed
3 within said interior space, and wherein said at least one longitudinal divider wherein
4 divider comprises a pair of longitudinal dividers uniformly spaced within said interior
5 said interior space.

1 10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said housing comprises
2 plastic.

1 11. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said lid portion being
2 hingeably coupled to said housing.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, further comprising:
2 said lid portion is transparent to facilitate inspection of the craft
3 materials positioned within said housing when said lid portion is in a closed
4 position;
5 said plurality of lateral dividers comprises ~~seven~~ six lateral dividers
6 uniformly dispersed within said interior space, and wherein said at least one
7 longitudinal ~~divers~~ dividers comprises a pair of longitudinal dividers
8 uniformly spaced within said interior space;
9 said housing comprises plastic; and
10 said lid portion being hingeably coupled to said housing.

1 13. (New) The container system of claim 1, additionally comprising a
2 plurality of substantially cylindrical vials for holding beads, each of said
3 vials being positioned in one of a plurality of subcompartments in said
4 interior space defined by said plurality of lateral divider walls, each of said
5 vials being positioned in an inclined orientation.

1 14. (New) The container system of claim 1, wherein said plurality of
2 lateral dividers are substantially opaque.

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1 15. (New) The container system of claim 1, wherein said lid has a
2 perimeter edge and said housing has a top edge, and wherein the perimeter
3 edge of said lid and the top edge of said housing lie in substantially the same
4 plane when said lid is in the open position.

1 16. (New) The system of claim 1, additionally comprising at least one of
2 longitudinal divider mounted on at least one of said plurality of lateral
3 dividers, said at least one longitudinal divider subdividing said interior
4 space between said lateral dividers;
5 a plurality of substantially cylindrical vials for holding beads, each of
6 said vials being positioned in one of a plurality of subcompartments in said
7 interior space defined by said plurality of lateral divider walls, each of said
8 vials being positioned in an inclined orientation;
9 wherein each one of said lateral dividers has an angular inclination of
10 approximately 45 degrees from vertical;
11 wherein said plurality of lateral dividers are substantially opaque; and
12 wherein said lid has a perimeter edge and said housing has a top edge,
13 and wherein the perimeter edge of said lid and the top edge of said housing
14 lie in substantially the same plane when said lid is in the open position.

1 17. (New) The system of claim 16 wherein said plurality of lateral
2 dividers comprises six lateral dividers, and wherein said at least one
3 longitudinal divider comprises two longitudinal dividers.